AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 10 beginning at page 4, line 7 of the PCT Publication as follows (as amended by Article 34 Amendment).

[0010]   This Personal Service Environment Manager is only applicable in the Service Network, and it is attached to a particular protocol, namely a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), with help of protocol translators and suitable Application Programming Interfaces (API's). This solution, while enough to accomplish its purpose, becomes quite restrictive and hardly applicable when the intention is to provide a solution covering all network parts that likely include several network domains, applying to different nodes that manage multiple varieties variety of protocols, and thus harmonising a common provisioning mechanism.

Please replace paragraph 15 beginning at page 5, line 23 of the PCT Publication as follows (as amended by Article 34 Amendment).

[0015]   In addition to the technology coupling, there is also a quite extended trend to provide solutions where the coupling is addressed to an applicable data model. In this respect, existing interfaces have strong dependencies with the data models of the services being provisioned, making such provision complex to extend and to improve. A typical example of this data model coupling is how embedded the data model is within the commands on proprietary Command Line Interfaces (CLI) for provisioning. An exemplarysolution of dependences with data models may be found in US 5,579,384 wherein a centralized management entity collects Images of a data model in each managed entity and, with help of protocol adapters and transformation functions, contributes to build up a generic data model towards the end-users and other systems. This solution, whilst arranged for building up a generic interface, requires the modification of the centralized management entity whenever new managed entities, or new data models in each managed entity, are introduced in the network.